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Geographic and Mapping Portions of the Revised Intelligence Subject Code

1. The components of the Geographic Area have reviewed the Intelligence Subject Code and feel that it is an inadequate and incomplete coverage of intelligence in the geographic field. As a result, I am submitting to you a suggested revision (Section J. Geography and Cartography) to replace Sections J. Physical Geography; K. Military Geography; and L. Surveying; Geodesy; Cartography under Chapter III, Part II. The old Sections J, K, and L, should be deleted.
2. The cross-referencing in the ISC lacks a consistent pattern of terminology. The use of roman numerals for two different divisions without specific identification is confusing. The terms "part" and "section" are used to refer to the same thing on different occasions. The cross-referencing in parentheses should use the words "Chapter" and "Part" each time they are referred to, e.g., Chapter III, Part II H. 5.
3. If it were mechanically feasible, it would be in the interest of the Geographic Area to work into the Area Classification Code provision for specific cities and towns. If this could be done, we would be able to recall urban data without having to be bothered with all of the information that would be furnished on the areas in which cities are located when we are only concerned with the cities themselves. I don't know whether this is an arrangement which could be made within Area Classification Code limitations, but if it could, it would certainly be of tremendous help to us. I would hope that you would make a special point of this in the coordination meeting on 10 September.

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